

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO WHAT A VAST DIFFERENCE.

The Effects of the War of 1812.

The late war of 1812 which was to have stopped for a century the growth of American prosperity has truly produced a very different effect. Before the war, improvement progressed with a comparative sluggishness—something seemed necessary to give a spur to the national activity. The British government untaken by experience, drew forth the national vigor by an endeavor to crush it while it secured to slumber. How is it at present?

The Lilliputian navy has been "crushed" into a formidable fleet.

Military discipline and knowledge has succeeded to ignorance of this art.

Arsenals, formerly empty, are now filled with arms and ammunitions of war.

Fortes, falling into ruin, have been repaired, and new fortifications built.

A formidable floating battery, propelled by steam, has been added to the means of defense.

Some of the largest ships of the world have been built on the Great Lakes.

Internal manufactures have advanced with astonishing and unparalleled rapidity.

The spirit of internal improvement has fastened itself on an awakened nation. The States of North Carolina and Virginia have taken up this subject with great spirit and the legislatures of other States will follow the example, and we shall witness the happy result.

Canals, roads, trackways and bridges will facilitate intercourse, and cheapen the transportation of produce, lands will rise in value, labor will be better rewarded, and there will be new and additional inducements for the enterprising foreigners, whose migration to America must add to the strength, wealth and happiness of the nation.

Foreign nations only appreciate American worth, and the American flag waves, it is respected; wherever the American citizen appears, he is caressed.

This was not the case before the war.

The citizens are more united, more sensible of their own importance, and fully impressed with a belief of their invincibility. The project of dismemberment no longer exists.

It is needless to pursue the detail—Americans owe the foregoing and many other late and important advantages to that same England, to which they owe their independence, which was in a manner, forced on them.

—Dublin Shamrock.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

THE HORSE CARS.

The horse cars appear already to be doing a good business and persons who have heretofore been doubtful as to the road being a paying institution, are beginning to be quite sanguine the other way on the subject. It is persistently argued by some that the thing is slow and that the people are rushing to the cars and riding back and forth "just for the fun of it." Gentlemen, we predict the success of the road. It will pay. But pay or not pay it is in the hands of men who have the means to keep it going and the people will have the benefit of it.

BUSINESS FOR SALE.

Owing to sickness, the Photographic Business of Crandall & Barnum, including instruments, stock and fixtures at 281 Main street will be sold at a bargain if applied for soon. The location is good if not the best in the city. One-half interest can be had if desired. Apply at the rooms, 281 Main street, Bridgeport.

Crandall & Barnum.
Bridgeport, Ct., Feb. 2, 1866.

THE TOWN MEETING.

Warning to Citizens.
Warning is hereby given that a Town Meeting will be held at Washington Hall, on Tuesday, the 6th day of February, 1866, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of authorizing the Selectmen to borrow money to pay the State and commutation taxes now almost due, and the current expenses of the Town; and to authorize the Selectmen to contract, or hire some suitable person to take charge, under such regulations as may be made by said meeting, for the support of the Town Poor; and to hear and act upon the report of the Committee on the Town Poor-House; and to arrange for and authorize the issue of Town Coupon Bonds of Three Hundred Dollars each, to be substituted for the Town Subordinate and County orders; and to authorize the payment of the back interest on such orders.

Bridgeport, Feb. 1st, 1866.
F. W. PARROTT,
WM. G. STEVENSON,
Selectmen.

TWENTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.

Naugatuck Railroad Company.
Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 1, 1866.
The Directors have declared a half yearly dividend of seven per cent. (7) free from the 1st to the 16th inst., both days inclusive.

H. NICHOLS, Treasurer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

LOCAL STOCK QUOTATIONS.
Furnished by T. L. Watson, 355 Main Street.

	Par.	Bid	Ask'd
City National Bank	\$100	\$150	...
Bpt. National Bank	50	185	...
Conn. National Bank	100	150	...
Pequot Nat'l Bank	100	170	...
First National Bank	100	175	...
B. & N. Y. A. L. pfd	100	103	...
Dan. & N. Y. A. L. pfd	50	60 1/2	105
Housatonic R. R.	100
Naugatuck R. R.	100
N. H. & D. R. R.	100	100	...
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R.	100	...	182
Shore Line R. R.	100	180	...
Bpt. Rolling Mill Co.	100
Bpt. Gas Light Co.	25	40	...
Bpt. Electric Light Co.	25	32 1/2	35
Bridgeport Forge Co.	100	150	...
Bpt. Hydraulic Co.	100	150	...
S. N. E. T. Co.	100	98	100
Wheeler & Wilson Co.	25

ORGANIZATION OF LABOR NECESSARY DECLARES PRIEST

Opposition By Employers Caused By Unreasonable Desire For Profit.

The Rev. John A. Ryan, D. D., of the Catholic University at Washington gave a lecture on labor unions recently, which has created interest. His subject was: "Are Labor Unions a Necessity?" And in his introductory remarks he declared it would be treated from a Catholic standpoint.

Dr. Ryan stated all three groups composing the Industrial Relations Committee, the committee appointed by Congress to investigate the causes of social unrest, agreed that labor organizations were necessary, and a majority of the committee admitted the right of labor to organize. Pope Leo XII was also quoted as favoring all kinds of associations through which the condition of labor can be improved, the most important being the workingmen's unions. The lecturer pointed out these instances of widely divergent interests, civic and religious, to prove that authority favors labor unions.

The prejudice against organization and the spirit of individualism in the early part of the last century were given as the main causes for the opposition encountered by the labor union movement at the outset. Despite the theory of economists of that time on the wage fund theory in which they tried to prove that laborers could not get any more wages than were put aside for them every year, and that if they succeeded in getting more in one branch of industry some other branch had to suffer, he stated, laborers realized the necessity for organization because members of every class know something concerning their own interests better than anyone else.

Dr. Ryan said there is nothing finer in the history of liberty than the struggle of the laboring class to organize in the face of opposition without and indifference within.

The lecturer gave several reasons for the necessity of labor unions, but the fundamental reason, he said, was the fact that the employer is stronger in bargaining power than the individual employee.

"The old theory of a laborer quitting if he was not satisfied and taking another job sounds well enough," said Dr. Ryan, "but it does not work in practice, as the employee on the average cannot hold out more than six or eight weeks, while the employer would not have to shut down for any one man. No class of laborers ever experienced any considerable improvement in its condition through benevolence of employers."

Dr. Ryan went on to show that labor unions are almost solely responsible for improved conditions in wages and hours, and to them is due the fact that safety devices and sanitary methods have been introduced in work-shops.

"In all cases conditions among unorganized workers are worse than those among organized, where other circumstances are the same," he said.

In summing up Dr. Ryan declared the main reason for employers' opposition is a desire for either profits or industrial power, and that these are unreasonable desires.

Continental Army
Plan Is Opposed By
The National Guard

Washington, Feb. 2.—The continental army was vigorously opposed yesterday before the House military committee by representatives of the executive committee of the National Guard association, headed by Adjutant General Foster, of Florida. The strongest support of the continental plan, General Foster declared, came from those who hoped it would fail and that its failure would mark a long step toward compulsory military service.

General Foster charged that there was a propaganda to discredit state troops for federal use and that the public had been given the impression that the guardsmen were seeking a militia pay bill for their own profit. That was not true, he said.

General Foster said the state troop system regulated and supervised by the federal government of the United States had full power to direct, would provide a better and more adequate and efficient means of raising and training troops than the proposed plan.

GIRLS RETURN TO WORK.

Hartford, Feb. 2.—Twenty-five girls employed by E. Lippman & Son, manufacturers of women's garments, who went on strike Monday afternoon, went back to work yesterday. They refused to work when the firm replaced the forewoman with new boss. The firm surrendered to-day and also increased wages 50 cents a week.

BATTALION DRILL.

The battalion drill at the armory last evening by Companies B, E, and K, was largely attended, though the weather was bad. The drill was one of the best held in years. Capt. Glenn commanded the battalion which was divided into companies commanded by Captains White and Masterson, and Lieutenants Hurley and Shelton.

WADHAMS HEADS.

Hartford, Feb. 2.—The state board of finance had a meeting yesterday afternoon and organized by electing Senator John H. Wadhams, of Goshen, chairman and Senator Robert V. Mace, secretary. The next meeting will be held March 1.

WOULD INVESTIGATE PACKERS.

Washington, Feb. 2.—A resolution directing the federal trade commission to investigate the report to the House "the facts relating to any or all violators of the anti-trust laws by the Armour, Cudahy, Morris, Sulzberger, Swift and other large packing companies" was introduced yesterday by representative Borland, of Missouri.

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Fresh Made Assorted Cookies.....(8c per Doz.)

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New York State Bulk Sauer Kraut 5c per qt.,
20c per gallon.

Broken Macaroni and Fancy Head Rice 4 lbs.
Spaghetti . . 6c per lb. for 25c

Fresh Ground Rolled 3 Boxes Purity Salt 25c

Oats 10 lbs. 33c Elbow Macaroni

Noodles all sizes 10c lb. 8c per lb.

CANNED GOODS.

3 Cans New York State Cut Beets for 25c

3 Cans New Spinach for 25c. Absolutely free from
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3 Cans Early June Peas for 25c

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